

Docket No.: 1344.1123

N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Fumio FUTAMI, et al.

Serial No. 10/642,602

Group Art Unit: 2613

Confirmation No. 2838

Filed: August 19, 2003

Examiner: Nathan M. Curs

For:

SEPARATING APPARATUS FOR TIME DIVISION MULTIPLEXED SIGNAL LIGHT, AND OPTICAL RECEIVING APPARATUS AND OPTICAL TRANMISSION SYSTEM

USING SAME

AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2008, and having a period for response set to expire on November 13, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fees for same, are submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 13, 2009.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.